Hesitation in Many Lines Attributed to Labor Situation in Basic Industry; Serious Effects if Settlement Is Long Delayed

STEEL is everywhere-in almost everything that is produced by human labor it plays a vital part. It is the very backbone of the nation's industrial life. That is why, excepting only a transportation tie-up, a strike in the great basic trade, of any considerable duration, would have more farreaching and serious effects than any other labor disturbance. And it would be especially serious now, because for several years the industrial machine has been working at top speed, without the usual replacements, and parts of the machine are frayed. The railroads, for example, have, under necessity, neglected betterments and improvemnts, until they have reached a point where such work cannot be much longer

Under the circumstances, with every apparent prospect that the strike would begin to-day, it was natural that business last week should display marked signs of hesitation. In a few industries, where shortages exist Italian and the demand is so great that it cannot possibly be filled, the usual activity prevailed. But in others there was a decided slackening of purchasing. The non-ferrous metal trades were almost at a standstill. There was slight demand for lumber and other building materials, since if structural steel is not forthcoming building must halt. In numerous if structural steel is not forthcoming building must halt. In numerous other directions similar symptoms of hesitation were in evidence. Until the steel strike issue has been definitely settled this may be expected to continue. If the settlement should be too long delayed, the effects would be hard to estimate. Unemployment in some lines would follow quickly, and that could hardly fail to cut down the volume of general business.

Cotton Goods



comes effective, and that is regarded by dealers as the date when their business will become more active.

There were some large sales reported at the first of the week, but they were of a purely spasmodic nature, and the market toward the close lapsed into its former passiveness. Sales generally involved ten and fifteen-bale lots, as compared with transactions of an ordinary period which averaged about forty bales.

The Yokohama market held steady, with Shinshui No. 1 quoted at \$9.52½, and Kansai double extra at \$10.47½ a pound. The Japanese mills constituted a majority of the buying element in that market and their requirements were said to be increasing. Visible stocks were reduced to 15,000 bales, as compared with 20,000 bales at this time last year. The lower grades suitable for tram stock, that quality which makes up the filler, were growing especially exercised.

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Trade Relations With Slavic States To Be Established

Special Conference of United States Business Interests to Promote Exports to New Eastern Countries

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Buying of Copper Checked as Steel Strike Approaches

Buyers Arrived

Buyers are invited to register in this column by telephoning Beekman 8243, between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

ARRISBURG, Penn.—J. Levi, general chondise: Broadway Contral, LAZLETON, Penn.—Bachman Bros.; J. Church, undertaker's supplies: Maribor-

U. S. Urged to Sell To Americans Only JACKSONVILLE, Fla.-D, David, dry-

National Merchant Marine Association Recommends Private Ownership to Develop New Trade Routes

Coreans Say Missions

Buyers Coming

MALTIMORE — Stewart & Co.; Miss dly, women's, misses' dresses, 2 West mity-seventh Street; expected September

MASHINGTON—S. Kakn, Son & Co.; iss A. Hagen, dresses, suits, coats, cists; 432 Fourth Avenue; is expected ptember 23, 1918.

Statements Sent to America Declared to Prejudice Independence Movement

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Oscar Petzhold, of Bridgeport, Penn, fireman of the freight train, was killed. All of the injured were passengers. None of them was seriously hurt. The passenger train was a local running from Lansdale to Norrisown. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

New Shipping Merger

F. H. Hammer, president and general manager of the Universal Shipping and Trading Company, announced yesterday that his company has amalgamated with the shipping firm of Frank Waterhouse & Co. The new organization, it was stated, would enter the Eastern shipping field at once.

Series Corporation, \$25,000; Manhattan manufacturing basines, 25,000; Manhattan manufacturing basines, 25,000; Manhattan publishers, printers, stationers, etc. Theodore waters, R. S. Waters, Horacow, Markers, Horacow,